# The Mystery of the Red Flame

By GEORGE BARTON Author of "The World's Greatest Military Spies and Secret Service Agents"

At that point he managed to direct the glance of the prisoner to the court-yard below. Two officers appeared lead-ing a man between them. His head was sunk on his breast and he seemed hope-

Barnes didn't like that, but he accepted his failure good asturedly.

"The fellow's guilty." he insisted, "but he had more nerve than I expected. You noticed him shiver, didn't

"What about Glazier?" I asked.

"Here's the stuff we found on him when he was searched."

The detective pulled a woolen bag from the top drawer of his desk and emptied it on the table. It was a curi-

emptied it on the table. It was a curious collection resembling the riff-raff usually found in a boy's pocket more than the articles carried by a man. There was a wallet, with some bank netes, a quantity of silver and small change, a gold handled penknife, a silver watch, some circulars advertising an ancetion sale of antiques, a bunch of keys, an old-fashioned copper penny, a book of postage stamps, a piece of string, a package of cough drops and a small intehkey.

"What de you call that?" I asked.
"That's the evidence—there's enough there to convict any man."

"It doesn't seem very incriminating to me," I said, honestly enough, "Do you remember telling me that Colonel Wharton drew \$5000 from bank

just before the disappearance of the red

rson."
Barnes nodded.
"Well, I took the trouble to go

the bank and get the numbers of the notes. They were in denominations of \$100. Do you see this note?" He was holding up a \$100 bill be-

(CONTINUED TOMORROW)

"Yes, I get that from Doctor Hen-

there to convict any man.

I was just ceming to that,

Well, that satisfies me all right-

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THIS STARTS THE STORY Hugh Garland, of the United States customs service, is assigned to discover the whereabouts of a red diamond, smuggled into the country from Brazil. He accepts a position as assistant to Colonel Wharton, a collector of antiques and gems. In the colonel's house he meets Dora Wharton, his nicee, and Jules Jacquette and Victor Jayne, goests. A visit from Doctor Henderson, a neighbor, starts a conversation about

thy specks of fire. Never was agitation more plainly shown in a man's face and manner. He made a brave effort to reing tone, stand we've met several three tones. cover himself and only partly succeeded. tin When he spoke it was in a tremulous "I don't know why Mr. Garland or

Not a red diamond," corrected the old man harshly, "but the Red Din-

"You don't presume you know!"

Asserted the veteran.

The look of alarm in the diamond dealer's eyes deepened and then slowly died out and gave way to a look of resentment and defiance.

"I don't know you," he said to Barnes, "and I don't like your man this?" "I don't know you," he said to Barnes, "and I don't like your manner, Unless you have business with mer, Unless you have business with mer you'll have to excuse me."
"We have business with you and we won't excuse you," persisted the destruction of the country of the summer-house and you left a hit of the cloth from your tective.

The old man smiled grimly as he put up the receiver.
"What would be think," he asked me. "If he know that the Red Diamond on the Red Diamond." I'm ready to hear what you have to tell me about the Red Diamond."

I smiled in reply.

I don't know unless the thinking the curry and you have to tell me about the Red Diamond."

'How can I tell you anything," was the irritable retort, "when I don't know unless the thinking the curry and you have to tell me about the Red Diamond."

displayed the Hitle gold badge of the United States Treasury Department.

The diamond dealer recognized it at the was speechless. Before he had time once and the effect it had upon him was shown in the altered tone of his nesselike way:

(Peggy is taken to India by Oo-la

freggy is taken to India by Ob-la-la, a young magician. There they meet Ramda-Kin, an old Hindu magician, who is cruel to Sheeba, a little brown givl. Ob-la-la produces a magical weal with which he feeds Sheeba, but when Ramda-Kin seizen

tempting cake it turns into a red-

to be silent. "Sit you down and hear my dream."

"Quite likely, commenced baryly, "but it would take a Carnegic a Rockefeller to buy that diamond."
"But I don't know why you come me with such questions?" said

"I never met you." he exclaimed.

morning when you crept around the summer-house and then harried away

"Well?" he asked trembling.
I had pulled the square of cloth from any pocket while I was speaking and when he said this I swang him around which he spoke again.
"If you haven't got it maybe you'll tell us what you've done with it."
"Who are you, anybow?" demanded Glazier.
"Well?" he asked trembling.
I had pulled the square of cloth from any pocket while I was speaking and when he said this I swang him around suddenly and there, in plain view, we saw that a piece of his coat had been toon away I quirely applied the fragment.
It fitted the space exactly and the piece of cloth matched the goods of his

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DREAMLAND ADVENTURES

BY DADDY

"OO-LA-LA, the Magician"

"Well, maybe we didn't exactly but we were in sight of one

"Yes, yes," was the nervous reder. "I presume that you refer the famous Brazilian stone called Star of the South."

"The second night after the arriva of the Dom Pedro, when you were the famous Brazilian stone called in the window and saw Colonel Wharton exhibiting the diamond and the

4 Glazier.
Barnes then threw his coat open and coat.
Barnes then threw his coat open and the His face was a pasty white now, and His face was a pasty white now, and

When, for instance?" The second night after the arrival

With each surfeeding accusation Gla-zier gave a gasp, but when I had con-cluded be evied triumphantly:

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was shown in the altered tone of his voice.

"I haven't the faintest idea of the whereabouts of the diamond you mention. I only wish I had, sir."

"Why?" came the sharp query.

The suddenness of the question and the manner of the detective disconcerted Glazier.

"But out your bands."

"I'ut out your bands."

Without realizing what he was doing the did as he was told. The next instant the detective had clasped a pair of shining handeuffs about his wrists.

Whether be thought resistance was useless or whether he was too much dized to protest is more than I can

great hurry to get away.

"Why—ch—it's very rare and—and tell. At all events be went to the standard from always find customers for rare gems."
"Quite likely," commented Barnes, dayly, "but it would take a Carnegie or a Rockefeller to buy that diamond."
"But I don't know why you come to me with such questions?" said Claying necysially."

"I asked as we were leaving the station house."

"I didn't say that," retorted the that gave you a key to the character of the man. At my first meeting I that gave you a key to the character of the man. At my first meeting I that gave you a key to the character of the man. At my first meeting I that gave you a key to the character of the man. At my first meeting I that gave you a key to the character of the man. At my first meeting I that gave you a key to the character of the man. At my first meeting I that gave you a key to the character of the man. At my first meeting I that gave you a key to the character of the man. At my first meeting I that gave you a key to the character of the man. At my first meeting I would take a Carnegie to the manuer of his arrest and imprisonment to ment struck me as rather high handed.

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was any further information concern-ing the mystery of the Red Diamond. The Washington official said the Brazil-The Washington official said the Brazilian minister had eased at the never ment the day before and informed the secretary of state that his government was very much exercised over the disappearance of the gen, and was willing to go to almost any extreme to recover it. The third assistant said that while the United States Government did not accept any responsibility in the mathematical world like to serve the Brazilian and the second floor and overlooked a little second floor and overlook rrival it. The third assistant said that while were the United States Government did not ledge accept any responsibility in the matter, it would like to serve the Brazilian minister to the best of its ability. He

e State Department.
The old man smiled grimly as he put

I smiled in reply.
"I don't know, unless the thinking

might bring about a declaration of war between Spain and Brazil." between Spain and Brazil."

The incident had the effect of reminding both of us of the importance of the quest in which we were engaged.

Also if set my mind working in au-

"I understood you to say that the Star of the South had been cut into two perfect diamonds; that one of these had been placed in the National Museum in Rio Janeiro and that the second after passing from one hand to your own fault, another had finally been smuggled into "Why den't

this country. what I am driving at is whether there has been any confusion as to the identity of the stones. You felt perfectly satisfied in the beginning. as I understood it, that the diamond which was snuggled into this port belonged to a private collection in Brazil. Now you say the diamond brought here was taken from the National Museum. How do you know the diamond which is supposed to be in the United States does not be the private of the private of the collection.

"No, no! We have stayed here too long. We must be on our way," said Ramda-Kin, suddenly appearing in a great hurry to get away." great hurry to get away.

"Sneeze:" muranyed Oo-la-la, his mysteriously disappeared does not before give. Oo-la-la produces magical neal with which he feels eeba, but when Ramda-Kin seizes tempting cake it twins into a redict stone.)

Oo-la-la's Strange Dream

AMDA-KIN had a greedy idea.

Even though he himself had been feel way. As for Penzy and feely evident."

"Sneeze:" muranyed Oo-la-la, his we have a cablegram from Juan Fernandous, the owner of that collection saying that his half of the Star of the South is still in his possession and that it has never left him since he pursuewing fits was greater than his any.

"Yan-choo! Ker-choo!" sneezed the south is still in his possession and that it has never left him since he pursuewing fits was greater than his any.

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Even though be himself had been fooled when he bit into what he thought was a nice, soft cake and found it to be a hard, red-hot stone, he saw a chance to make money from Oo-la-la's ability to turn rocks into a tempting meal.

"It never came here—that is perfectly evident."

"But a red diamond did come here ground, their eyes fastened cagery on and it was the Red Diamond that was stolen from the Aluseum in Rio."

The young magician seemed to be seeing things hidden from them, and he spoke like one in a gentle sleep,

"I see a beautiful garden beside a pocus about this mater. What is pocus about this mater. What is

chance to make money from Oo-la-la shibility to turn rocks into a tempting meal.

"Let us start an eat-shop here at the well." he said to Oo-la-la. "I will agreed below the said to Oo-la-la. "I will agreed below the said to Oo-la-la. "I feed only those in need, and that I do freely."

"Nay, magic is not selfish magic."

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"Ah! Ah!" broke out Randa-Kin loudy as if to drown out Sheeba, the like brown out Sheeba, words. "You bad girl, you would eat until you were sike if you had your way." The old magician raised his whip threateningly, but to last a lepid will be will be sheet. "Ah. Ah." I hew did you know that loudy as if to drown out Sheeba words. "You bad girl, you would eat until you were sike if you had your know for a fixed will be sheet meal I have had since my dream—my dream of a good father, of a palace home," whishered Sheeba ches he has been sheebal will be sheep will be sheep will be sheep with the since my dream—my dream of a good in the bushes. The lordy rule of the sheep will be sheep with the sheep will be sheep with the sheep will be sheep with the sheep will be sheep. "The cold remains and the way to saying that the single part in the story of their bates. Of course, in the word of the substance of the start will be sheep with the sheep will be sheep will be sheep will be one in a gentle sheep. "I will be sheep will

"Ah' Ah': Dreams are but dreams."

Shrieked Ramda-Kin. but there was a look of great fear in his face.

"Tomorrow will be fold how Ramda-Kin plays a trick of his own."

"Away, that portrait would remain fresh in my memory.

Jules Jacquette came next with his big head resting on his thick neck, his set forth for the station and in less closely-cropped gray hair, his companies than half an hour was greeting Harry pelling gray eyes and those large, enthusiastically.

ton had shown us the Red Diamond-a pool of flame in that dimly lighted

"But I don't know why you come cover the whereabouts of a red diagnood, smuggled into the coordinate month, smight in the colonel's house he meets Dora man."

"But I don't know why you come to me with such questions?" said sistant to Colonel Wharton, as assistant to Colonel Wharton, as assistant to Colonel Wharton, his nice, and dules Jacquette and Vietor Jagus, greets. A conversation about diagnoods, and the colonel displays the Star of the South, the jewel for which Garland is hunting. Garland has reason to believe the diamond was stolen before it was sungled. In a stolen before it was sungled. In a sulformer to the with Dora, lead admits to Doctor Henderson that he has fallen in love with Dora. He warns her against Jacquette and Jayne, after coverentiate the second to prove the louise and the leaves the house. He and Bronney Branes his chief, cell on a diamond dealer named Glazier.

"Now man and the colonel displays the Star of the South, the jewel for which Garland is hunting. Garland has preaded to the space of the coverence of the man indicated the space of the coverence of the part of the coverence of the space of the coverence of the part of the coverence of the part of the space of the prisoner to the country that the connected with the other. We ware the part of the space of the prisoner to the country that the connected with the other. We ware feeling the stream of the coverence of the part of the pa

secretary of state asking him if there occurrences. While I sat there day-was any further information concern-ing the mystery of the Red Diamond, of action for hastening the denouement of the mysterious business.

ter, it would like to serve the Brazilian minister to the best of its ability. He courtyard which separated this part of the customs house from the collector's the diamond had not been recovered and suggested a "little more ginger" on the part of the special agents of the Treasury would be very much appreciated by the State Department. Barnes seated him in an armchair over-

nothin'?" "You mean you didn't know anything in the beginning," suggested the veteran, "but Um sure your short rest in prison has refreshed your memory."

"It nin't refreshed nothin'," was the Also if set my mind of the set my mind about these twin refresh my mind about these twin who were with you in this scheme."

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"Remember," warned the detective, notes.
"I'm giving you your chance and if you don't take advantage of it it will be your own fault."

your own fault."

"Why don't you let me alone?"
whined Johnson. I can't tell you want I don't know."

"He was holding up a \$100 bill before my astonished gaze.
"How could I help seeing it?" I replied, with twinkling eyes. "Put it down or you'll blind me." "You mean you won't tell,"

> THE DAILY NOVELETTE A BLUE FEATHER .

By Hortense Caldwell

"BE CAREFUL of that box, dear," and daughter gave it a violent jounce.

"Why, what's in it, mother?"
"You may open it if you like, Betty, although it hasn't been opened in a good many years. I think there is only one thing left, but that box used to hold

Yes. Betty, it is a beautiful, great feather, and just exactly as good now as it was twenty-four years ago.

Harry was a frequent of the feather than the street of the street

it was twenty-four year. Tell me about it, mother. 'Well, your father bought me that the spring after we were married. You know then they were wearing great curly feathers, almost completely covering the tons of their hats. Of course, I cherished it anyway, but you father loved it for its wonderful line,' she explained as she lovingly straked the curly

YOU SHOULDN'T

CRY ABOUT IT

- :-

"Betty, you little bluebird, I can't see you for that great big feather," "Why. Harry Randall, don't you dare say a thing about this feather," and then she told her great secret about the origin of the blue feather.

Finally the season came around again and it was time to change hats. Very my complete wedding outfit."

"Oh, mother, I must see it." Then as she lifted from its yellowed covering a beautiful blue feather, she exclaimed.
"Oh, isn't it wonderful."

"Oh, isn't it wonderful." " Harry was a frequent visitor at Betty's house and helped Betty with

everything from lessons to housework Dances, skating, coasting and daily walks also helped fill up the idle hours loved it for its wonderful ine." she explained as she lovingly stroked the curiy ends.

"Did you wear it much, mother? It doesn't look as if it had been worn at all."

"I were it until sound the policy of the control of the curious control of the curio

Harry didn't wait to hear more, but gathered her, with dish-wiper and dish into his arms. After this many weeks were put into preparations for the wedding. "Harry," Betty said one evening, "I'd like to be married in my hat with the blue

feather. "Oh, Betty, I had visions of you in a spotless white gown with a long flow-ing veil. Am I to be disappointed?"
"But Harmy, you won't be half as disappointed as I will. I must be mar-ried in that. Think how my mother would cherish the thought, too."

"Of course, dear, I am so thought-less. You will be married in that with-out another word."

out another word."
Six months later a very pretty bride came out of the village church on the arm of her husband. The beautiful blue feather which stood for so much in the life of the little woman standing on the steps swayed to and fro and the wind caught it. Mrs. Whitney sighed a little, but quickly broke into a sunny smile as she met her daughter's merry face and decided then and there that Betty and her husband, with the aid of the blue feather symbol, were the happiest bridal couple that year.

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